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SUBJ: GERMAN PARTICIPATION SPOKANE 1974 INTERNATIONAL

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1. THIS IS FURTHER TO OUR DISCUSSIONS IN DEPARTMENT ON SEPTEMBER 28: I HAVE BY TELEGRAM AND TELEPHONE CONTINUED TO TAKE SOUNDINGS FROM OUR OTHER EUROPEAN POSTS THIS PAST WEEK. THERE HAS BEEN NO ANNOUNCEMENT BY FRANCE. WE EXPECT THAT WHEN WE HEAR FROM GISCARD IT WILL BE NEGATIVE.

2. THERE HAS NOT BEEN ONE AFFIRMATIVE DECISION BY ANY EUROPEAN COUNTRY. THERE HAVE BEEN WHAT WE CONSIDER AMBIGUOUS STATEMENTS ON POSSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPATION IF ONE GOVERNMENT LEADS THE WAY. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO OBSERVE THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS IF YOU WERE ABLE TO CONVINCE GOG TO TAKE THIS INITIATIVE.

3. WE KNOW CAREFUL REVIEW OF PARTICIPATION AT SPOKANE IS UNDER WAY IN VIENNA AND MADRID, AS WELL AS IN OTHER EUROPEAN CAPITALS. THE BEST ADVICE GIVEN ME IS TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON ON EUROPE UNTIL AT LEAST END OCTOBER. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS IN CONTEXT OF SPOKANE AS A PACIFIC-RIM PROJECT. THIS IS ATTRACTING INCREASING ATTENTION AS THE ONLY INTERNATIONAL FOCAL POINT OF U.S. BICENTENNIAL ERA.

4. YOU MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF MEETING WITH GERMAN MINISTER OF FINANCE ABOUT OCTOBER 5. WE HOPE WEST GERMAN EXPERTISE IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS WILL CHALLENGE THEM TO HELP SET QUALITATIVE GOALS FOR OTHER WORLD NEIGHBORS IN THE INTERESTING EXPO-CUM-SYMPOSIUM FORMAT THAT WILL EMERGE AT SPOKANE IN 1974. RUSH

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